

3 February 2017

Dr. Anthea Sweeney  
Vice President for Accreditation Relations  
Higher Learning Commission  
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500  
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Dr. Sweeney,

With the approval of The Higher Learning Commission, Valparaiso University (Valpo) has agreed to enter the following Teach-Out Agreement with Saint Joseph's College (SJC). The Teach-Out Agreement outlines the reasonable obligations and accommodations Valpo and SJC have agreed are in the best interest and welfare of SJC students affected by the campus substantive change.

Valparaiso University is located in Valparaiso, Indiana, a safe and vibrant city in Northwest Indiana with a population of about 30,000. Valpo combines a national and regional reputation with a smaller campus environment that allows for personalized experience. With about 4,500 students on campus, 950 of whom are graduate students, the Valpo experience features individual mentoring, small class sizes, and interaction among diverse cultures. As a comprehensive university in the American Midwest, Valparaiso University is renowned worldwide for preparing women and men, from all ethnic and diverse backgrounds, who are highly sought for their knowledge, character, integrity, and wisdom.

We look forward to the partnership with Saint Joseph's College and welcome all students who desire to complete their studies at Valparaiso University and who meet the academic admission requirements of Valparaiso University. If you are interested in exploring this option, please call or email [Jennifer Smolnicky](mailto:Jennifer.Smolnicky@valpo.edu), Director of Transfer Enrollment at 219.464.6335.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Heckler, Ph.D.  
President

## **Saint Joseph's College – Valparaiso University Teach-out Agreement**

Effective February 3, 2017, Valparaiso University (Valpo) agrees to waive the enrollment fees for admissible Saint Joseph's College (SJC) students who wish to enroll at Valpo beginning with the summer or fall 2017 session/semester. Admission will depend on the available capacity of the program that the SJC student would like to join and the overall capacity at Valpo.

All SJC students attending Valpo will be eligible to receive financial aid as per Valpo's eligibility guidelines. Each student, for the duration of the student's uninterrupted studies at Valpo, will receive a financial aid package consistent with that of other transfer students into Valpo.

In addition, Valpo will undertake a thorough evaluation of all SJC credit hours for possible transfer credit; it is expected that in most cases, all credit hours will be accepted by Valpo (withstanding compatibility with HLC guidelines).

SJC students may apply to attend Valpo via one of three options; in all three options, students must meet Valpo's admission standards, and payments for associated tuition and fees will be made directly to Valparaiso University.

1. They may simply choose to transfer to Valpo to earn a Valpo degree.
2. Rising seniors, i.e. students with at most one year of study left, may transfer to Valpo with the understanding that Valpo would make all reasonable efforts to modify academic requirements to support this objective; in particular, limits on the use of transfer credits to fulfill degree requirements may be waived. These students would earn a Valpo degree.
3. Rising seniors may also attend Valpo as visiting students. In this option, SJC students would take Valpo courses with the intent to transfer the credit back to SJC in order to earn a degree from SJC. Course selection would be coordinated by academic advisors at both campuses to meet SJC requirements.

Valparaiso University will provide students with written notification of any applicable fees or charges by Valpo and the remaining credit hours necessary for degree completion.

This Teach-Out Agreement has been reviewed and agreed by Saint Joseph's College and the Teach-Out Institution, Valparaiso University, on this third day of February 2017.